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### **Maryland Man Sentenced to 90 months in prison for Shooting Unarmed District Teenager on Anacostia Metro Platform**

WASHINGTON - A 25-year-old Maryland man, Jerome Ray Rollins, was sentenced today by Superior Court Judge Robert I. Richter to 90 months of incarceration for his violent shooting of an unarmed 15-year-old district teenager on February 15, 2009, on the Anacostia Metro Station platform, Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips announced.

On March 27, 2009, Rollins pled guilty to one count of Aggravated Assault while Armed for the February 15, 2009 shooting. Rollins, of Fairmount Heights, MD, was also ordered to be placed on three (3) years of supervised release following his release from prison. The Court ordered that the sentence to run consecutively to any other sentence Rollins may face in his pending probation revocation matter in a prior drug case for which he is scheduled to be sentenced on June 5, 2009.

According to the government's evidence, just after midnight on February 15, 2009, Rollins assaulted the 15-year-old victim while they were on the train because he was frustrated with the teenager's boisterous behavior. The altercation between Rollins and the minor victim spilled onto the platform at the Anacostia Metro Station. Rollins then pulled out a loaded 9mm Taurus handgun and shot the unarmed minor in the stomach and fled the station. Metro Transit Police officers, who were on the platform at the time of the shooting, chased Rollins as he fled the scene and apprehended him within minutes of the shooting. Metro Transit Police officers recovered the 9mm Taurus handgun from the immediate area where Rollins was apprehended and a firearms examination confirmed it was the same handgun used to shoot the minor victim. The shooting was captured by video surveillance cameras on the station's platform.

As a result of the shooting, the 15-year-old victim suffered serious bodily injury and substantial risk of death from the injury as a result of the shooting. To save his life, the victim underwent extensive surgery which resulted in removal of a portion of his intestines and required over 30 staples to close his wounds. The injury to the minor victim's leg will likely be permanent, causing him to walk with a significant limp.

In announcing the sentence, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips praised the work of Metro Transit Police Detective Kenneth Honick, the lead detective assigned, along with Detective Brian Baker, and Officers Sherman Benton, Michael Bacon, Stephen Deveau, Justin Mercure, and Jeffrey Miller who assisted in the apprehension of Rollins and investigation of the case. He also praised the work of Legal Assistant Antoinette Sakamsa. Mr. Phillips also thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Erin B. Andrews who investigated and prosecuted this case.

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